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Clinton to head anti-terror summit next week

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton will make a quick trip to the Middle East next week, probably on Wednesday, to preside over an extraordinary conference of Arab and Israeli leaders dedicated to curbing terrorism, officials in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday.

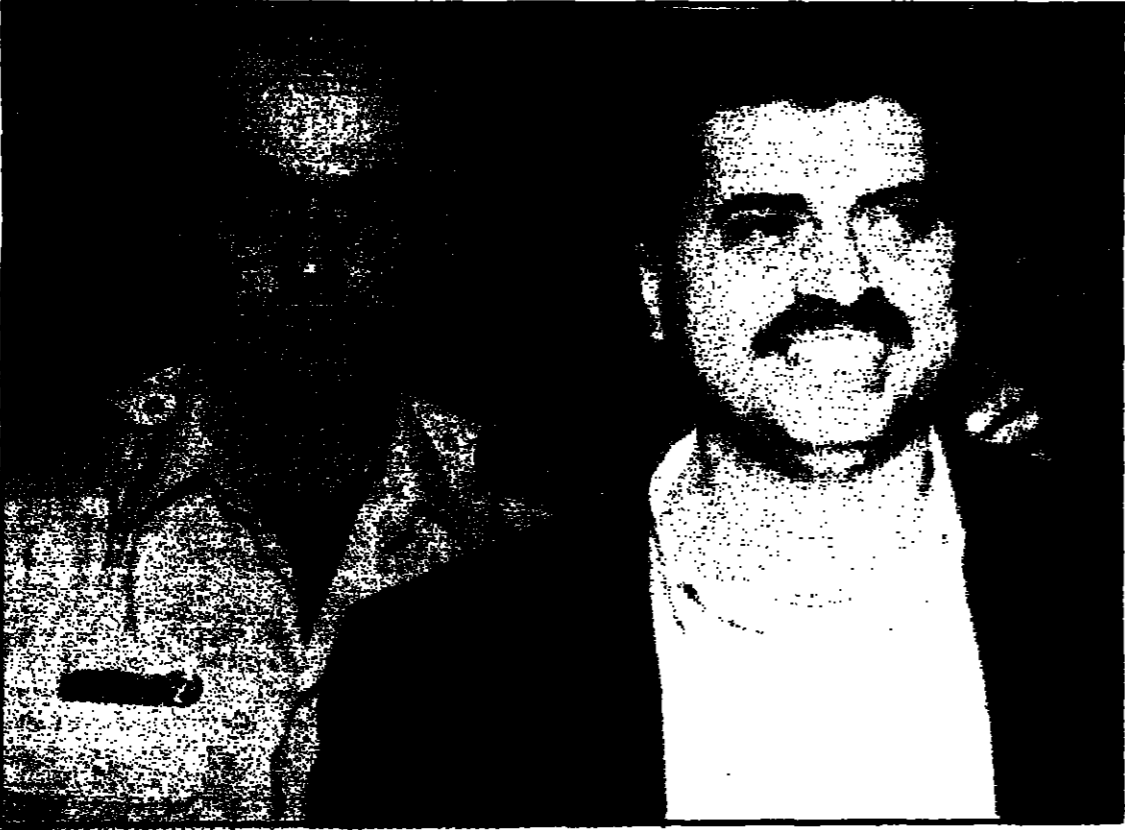
Cairo, since many Gulf and North African leaders refuse to step on Israeli soil. It remains unclear how many will come and whether those who do will be heads of government or foreign ministers.

LIKUD leader Binyamin Netanyahu said he welcomed Clinton's visit, but wants an opposition presence at the conference, Channel 1 reported.

White House spokesman Michael McCurry said the speculation about the conference "may be right eventually, but they're not right now."

McCurry said the US has "a great deal of diplomacy underway at this hour" to explore the convening of a successful summit.

"Our hope would be if they are proceeding with any type of conference, it would have broad participation and a wide cross-section of invitees," he said.



Umm el-Fahm deputy mayor Dr. Safiman Agbariah is remanded yesterday for providing funds to families of Hamas terrorists.

Deputy mayor held for aiding terrorists' families

UMM el-Fahm deputy mayor Dr. Safiman Agbariah, 39, suspected of transferring millions of shekels to the families of Hamas terrorists, was remanded for four days yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

He denied police allegations that over the past four years he has transferred funds, via two non-profit organizations, to the families of terrorists.

"We operate legally and transfer money to orphans and the needy, including children of collaborators," he said before the hearing.

According to police, the funds have totaled NIS 10 million a year since the end of 1991.

Supt. Danny Yisrael said police have information that the families of the suicide bombers who carried out the attacks in Jerusalem, Ashkelon, and Tel Aviv were about to request aid.

"We have substantial evidence, based on two searches of the office of the Islamic Rescue Fund in Nazareth, as well as new information received recently," he said.

Yisrael said in court that police have evidence that the family of the murderer of border policeman Nissim Toledano and others have received monthly aid.

Judge George Kara slammed police for failing to bring the investigation material to court as required by law.

Of the five classified documents presented to him by Yisrael, Kara said that only one contained substantial evidence.

enable me to examine independently the basis for suspicions," Kara said. "Therefore, my attitude to the confidential evidence must be as intelligence information only, in the absence of the criminal file."

Agbariah was the chairman of the Islamic Rescue Fund until the beginning of 1995 and could not possibly have known personally the details of the thousands of requests filed, defense lawyer Mahmeed Mustafa said.

But Yisrael insisted that Agbariah knew he was donating money to families of Hamas terrorists, which would constitute membership in the organization.

Polls give Netanyahu slight lead

FOR the first time since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu has a slight edge over the Labor incumbent.

Mina Tzemah's poll to appear this morning in Yedioth Aharonot gives Netanyahu a 3% edge over Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

A Gallup poll to appear today in Ma'ariv shows Netanyahu ahead by 2%.

A Smith poll for Channel 1 gives him 48% and Peres 46%. Prior to the assassination, Netanyahu had maintained a narrow lead over Rabin, but for months afterward Peres enjoyed a lead which at times exceeded 20%.

Levy, Eitan dispute delays Likud deal

WILL Tsomet's Rafael Eitan or Geshet's David Levy be Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu's number two?

That question delayed the signing of the deal with Geshet last night, after the Likud and Geshet reached a memorandum of understanding at 4:00 a.m. yesterday.

set seats in 1992, while the polls show Levy's untried party badly losing ground.

Gerer Rebbe dies at 69

TENS of thousands of followers of Pinchas Menachem Alter, the rebbe of Gur, weathered rain and lashing winds yesterday to lay him to rest next to his father in the courtyard of the Sfat Emet Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Geula section.

Police blocked off central Jerusalem for the funeral, backing up traffic for blocks. Alter, 69, died at his Jerusalem home. No cause of death was announced.

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Palestinian Council meets for first time

THE 88-member Palestinian Council elected in January convened for the first time yesterday and, after ceremonial speeches, elected chief Oslo negotiator Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala) assembly president 57-31 over Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, a strong critic of the Oslo agreement.

The position puts Qreia first in line to succeed Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat as president of the executive council.

The vote went to Arafat's choice, and marks the limit of the potential opposition voice inside the council.

The council met in Gaza's Shawa Cultural Center, as the parliament building is not large enough to hold all the guests. The chief significance of the session for Israel is that it means the far

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larger Palestinian National Council must now convene by May 7 to amend the Palestinian Covenant.

The council members were sworn in by acting PNC chairman Salim Zaanoun and all became members of the PNC as well.

In his speech, Arafat said: "We must respect the time schedule for the stages of peace," which he said include the withdrawal from Hebron this month, and the opening of final settlement talks and the change in the Covenant in two months.

He did not mention moving up the PNC meeting to late March to ensure a smooth Hebron withdrawal. Many council members would object to any change in the schedule.

Hanan Ashrawi was one of 10

council members voted to the legal committee, which will establish a basic law for the council. The council will meet again in two weeks.

All 88 members arrived for the opening, after West Bank delegates received permission from the IDF to attend despite the closure, but many were kept waiting for four hours by the IDF before being allowed into Gaza, complained Salah Taamari from Bethlehem.

Consular officials and other foreign dignitaries attended the opening, which was marred by the tension created by the recent Islamic terror attacks and the closure which followed. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Mousa and Jordanian State Minister Abdel-Hadi Majall both addressed the assembly.

"THE forces of darkness and terrorism" cannot be allowed to defeat the peace process, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat said yesterday at the opening session of the Palestinian Council.

He attacked those "who planned and ordered the last crisis in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Ashkelon, which led to the deaths of dozens of innocent people - Israelis, Palestinians, and foreigners. It is against all religious, human, and national values."

Pre-empting a later announcement from Israeli government sources, Arafat said that "I invite all the nations of the world to confront this violence and terror, to uproot it. I submit a suggestion to all parties concerned with a just peace to hold a meeting at the highest level to prevent more bloody violence and to treat it as a regional and international phenomenon."

Arafat did not directly mention Hamas or Islamic extremism as the culprit in his speech, but he has ordered police to raid the Islamic university, mosques, and other

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locations. They uncovered arms, including sticks of TNT and belts for putting them in which could be tied round the waists of suicide bombers.

An estimated 400 Gazans have been arrested.

Meanwhile Hamas issued a leaflet, at least the sixth by Hamas and its armed wing Izzadin Kassam in the past 10 days, denying the authenticity of the earlier leaflets which indicated it is ready to give up violence. It called them "part of a conspiracy."

Arafat alluded to a conspiracy himself, repeating statements that Israeli and Palestinian extremists met together. He waved an article from the weekly *Yerushalayim* claiming Avishai Raviv, the alleged General Security Service agent and founder of Eyal, met with Palestinian extremists to undermine the PA.

"These are his declarations in a newspaper in Hebrew," Arafat said.

Planning Minister Nabil Shaath backed

down from charges he made in Paris that Israeli extremists actually helped Hamas in the four terror attacks, but said, "The important thing is to see who are the beneficiaries," whom he identified as the Israeli Kibbutz.

He accused Israel of imposing an unnecessary closure as "a collective punishment rather than as a necessary security measure. It is unfair, he said, because 'not one worker has ever been accused of committing a terror attack.'"

Imad Falouji, the one senior Hamas activist elected to the council (as an independent on the Fatah ticket), who was expelled from Hamas, expressed his "sadness" at the loss of life, but added that attacks like those last week "can be expected until the Palestinians are given all their rights."

The bombings and their ramifications have nevertheless shocked Palestinians, even as they criticize the Israeli response. A teacher at al-Azhar University came up to an Israeli reporter on the street and said, "You should know we feel your sadness."

Orient House bill passes first reading

LIAT COLLINS

IN a parliamentary slap in the face to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the Likud managed to pass first reading of the so-called Orient House bill, which calls for the closure of Palestinian political institutions operating in Jerusalem.

The bill, initiated by Interior Committee chairman Yehoshua Matza, passed 49-36. Third Way MKs Avigdor Kahalani and Emanuel Zissman voted with the opposition. Peres was not present for the vote.

Presentation of the bill was colored by the recent terror attacks and, in particular, the television interview with Peres in which he said he was "not surprised" that Mohammed Abu Warda, who recruited two of the suicide bombers, had stated said the aim of the attacks was to bring the Likud to power and halt the peace process.

While Matza fumed that in no other country could the premier say such things, Labor MK Dalia Itzik shouted: "But the Hamas really does want to help the Likud."

The bill calls for a 10-year pris-

on sentence for those found to be operating Orient House and similar Palestinian centers in Jerusalem.

Matza said the vote was a test of the government's intention to act against violations of the Oslo accords "and to strengthen our rights in Jerusalem."

Matza's rage increased when Speaker Shevah Weiss proposed forwarding the bill to the Law Committee for preparation for second and third readings. Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) is expected to try to bury the bill, whereas Matza's own committee could expedite its passage.

Bill Hummer adds PLO official Faisal Husseini said yesterday that the Knesset's passing on first reading of a bill to close Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem, does not have him worried. "I understand that the bill will now go to some committee, and that it will not be heard of again by the Knesset until after the election," he said.

Chief liaison officer: PA crackdown bearing fruit

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THERE has been a turning point in Palestinian cooperation with Israeli security forces, and the pressure on the Palestinian Police to root out Islamic terrorists is starting to bear fruit, Col. Moshe Elad, chief liaison officer with the Palestinians, said yesterday.

"We have a common target now," he said, adding the Palestinian Police are avoiding friction with Israeli forces in the West Bank.

"It is a turning point," Elad said. "The Palestinian forces are starting to act against Hamas terrorists, but they have yet to apprehend the main activists."

Elad said two armed forces operating in the West Bank is a potential recipe for disaster, but so far the Palestinian Police have stepped out of the way when Israeli troops move into villages they patrol.

Since Sunday, Israel has arrested 170 Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists, Elad said.

The Palestinian police are more keenly

aware now of the crisis and have carried out mass arrests, but many are held for only a short time and let go, he said.

"They have still not brought in the heads of the Hamas military wing," Elad said. "We are not interested in their actions, but in results and we are not yet satisfied."

He noted that the army and Border Police have beefed up patrols along the Green Line, and are expected to deploy in all areas officially under Israeli control, even out of the way villages the IDF has recently avoided.

To further seal off the territories, bulldozers were reported dumping large boulders and quantities sand along back roads and paths near Kalkiya and Tulikarm to prevent Arab laborers from sneaking in.

The Civil Administration said all work permits held by Gazans are now invalid, and that

new ones will be issued soon. Moshe Karif, a spokesman for the coordinator of activities in the territories, said the closure is keeping some 20,000 Gazans from their jobs in Israel. It is not likely they will be allowed to start returning until next week at the earliest, he added.

The army has started expelling Gazans connected with Hamas and Islamic Jihad from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip, Elad said. He said Israel has pressured the Palestinian Authority to do the same in the PLO-ruled areas, but they "have a problem with this." He said a few hundred Gazans, mostly students, are the main Hamas activists in the West Bank.

The army lifted the closure for 12 hours yesterday to allow Palestinians travel to other villages to stock up on food and other supplies. But by 7 p.m., all Palestinians in the West Bank were confined to their towns and villages.

Police have no evidence driver knew passenger was bomber

DAVID RUDGE

POLICE still have no concrete evidence that the Israeli Arab suspected of smuggling the Dizengoff Center suicide bomber from Gaza to the site of the blast knew about the attacker's intentions beforehand.

According to the suspect's version of events, he believed he was simply transporting a Palestinian from Gaza who wanted to work in Israel.

The suspect, 45, from a Beduin village in the Jezreel Valley, allegedly received \$1,100 from an Islamic Jihad activist in Gaza to transport the man from the Karmi checkpoint to Dizengoff Center.

The father of eight reportedly told police that it was only after the explosion, a minute or two after he dropped his passenger off in Dizengoff, that it occurred to him that the man might have been a suicide bomber.

The ease with which Palestinians can cross from the territories into Israel was underlined when police in Nazareth arrested an imam at a local mosque. The imam was from a Palestinian refugee camp near Jenin.

The Moslem cleric, 37, had been staying at the mosque and leading prayers there for the past two months. He told police he had crossed into Israel in a car belonging to an Israeli Arab which bypassed roadblocks and traveled through Umm el-Fahm to Nazareth.

Ch.-Supt. Shmuel Mermelstein, commander of the Nazareth police station, said the suspect, who had no permit to be in Israel, was not cooperating with police in their attempts to identify his driver.

Mermelstein noticed, however, that there was a new phenomenon among Israeli Arabs who had started to turn in Palestinians staying in Israel illegally.

Shahal: We gave PA name of bombings' planner

LIAT COLLINS

ISRAEL has forwarded to the Palestinian Authority the name of the Hamas member who planned the recent attacks and where he can be found, and is waiting for his arrest, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal told the Knesset yesterday.

He was answering several motions to the agenda on the second No. 18 bus bombing. Shahal said Israel is waiting for the PA to

take "serious action" against the terror organizers in the areas under their control, and warned that Israel could not accept that terrorists are tried, imprisoned, and freed by the PA. "We want a serious answer to this problem," he said.

Shahal also lashed out at Israeli employers who bring illegal

workers across the Green Line, "endangering lives because of greed and the desire to avoid taxes."

He said the actions of the PA and Yasser Arafat following the terror attacks are a test of the Oslo accords. "An agreement cannot be one-sided. If one side

doesn't act it's inconceivable that the other will carry out the agreement," he said.

He said no compromise with Hamas is possible because the organization cannot accept Israel's sovereignty. "[With Hamas] either you win or you're destroyed," he said.

Apart from promising tighter (Continued on Page 20)

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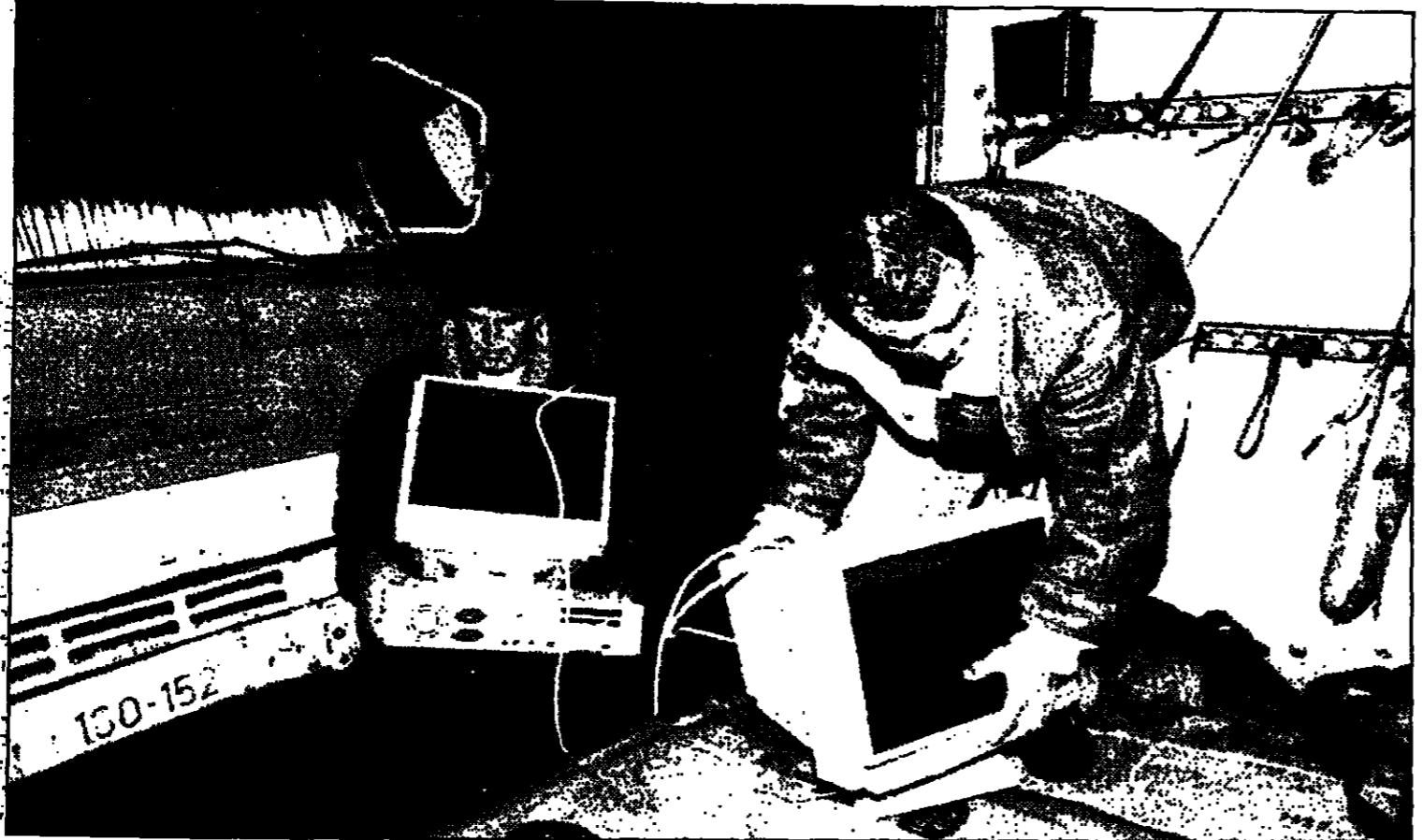
In yesterday's Mifal Hapays daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, king of hearts, ten of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

CLARIFICATION

The last line of "A Family Affair" in today's *Magazine* was inadvertently omitted. It should read: "But they never spoke out because they were scared of the spotlight."

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Police remove computers from the Society of Islamic Science and Culture Committee yesterday. (Khaled Zighari)

Police close Islamic center in Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN
POLICE shut down an Islamic institution in Jerusalem allegedly affiliated with Hamas yesterday, the first of a handful of such organizations in the city slated to be closed in response to the recent suicide attacks.

The head of the institution, senior Hamas member Jamil Hamami, apparently fled Jerusalem to seek refuge in Ramallah. He was questioned yesterday by the Palestinian Police, but was released afterwards and allowed to remain in the city, according to Palestinian sources.

Police alleged that the Society of Islamic Science and Culture Committee, near the A-Ram building, the bottom floor of which is being used as a kindergarten. Four office workers were the only people present when police arrived, and they left the building without incident. Palestinian sources said the institute dealt solely in welfare and educational activities, and that Hamami, while well-known as a senior Hamas member, was among the moderates who both Israel and the PA were counting on, before the recent wave of attacks. Hamami, in recent interviews in the Palestinian press, condemned the attacks, and called for reconciliation between the PA and Hamas.

Senior police officers face disciplinary action

BILL HUTMAN
The head of the Police Fraud Division, Cmdr. Yerahmiel Halparin, and two other senior division officers face disciplinary action for prematurely closing the original investigation into wrongdoing at the Interior Ministry's eastern Jerusalem office.

Arab intellectuals denounce attacks

JUDY SIEGEL AND BILL HUTMAN
DOZENS of scientists from around the world, including two recipients of the Nobel Prize for Medicine, yesterday called on Palestinian academics and intellectuals to condemn terrorist attacks against Israel.

Likud fuming over Peres reaction to Abu Warda comment

SARAH HONIG
THE political cauldron continued to boil yesterday over Prime Minister Shimon Peres's reaction to Hamas terrorist Mohammed Abu Warda's assertion that the recent attacks were committed to help the Likud gain power.

[Yasser] Arafat's part. He obviously thinks little of the intelligence of the Israeli public if he sought to sway opinions with such a transparent provocation," Netanyahu said. "That same morning, Abu Warda cited revenge as the motive, but after Jibril Rajoub attended to him in his torture chambers, Abu Warda declaimed the text dictated to him.

such a provocation." Meridor dismissed the statement Peres's spokeswoman Aliza Goren released, which read: "No one accuses the Likud of collaborating with Hamas."

Leaders of British Jewry coming on solidarity visit

BATSHEVA TSUR
AT a time when many persons have cancelled their trips to Israel, more than 30 leaders of the British Jewish community are due to arrive here on a solidarity mission.

Weizman: Do not condemn all Arabs

BATSHEVA TSUR
THE entire Arab population should not be condemned because of the wrongdoings of one "villain," President Ezer Weizman warned yesterday.

Ben-Eliahu new OC Air Force

THE IDF named Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu, a veteran fighter pilot and current assistant to the head of the Operations Branch as the next OC Air Force. He will replace Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger, who will retire.

Vienna Boys Choir cancels visit

THE Vienna Boys Choir is not coming for a scheduled concert tour. The famed Vienna troupe, set to perform four concerts starting March 15, canceled its tour on Wednesday because of the terror attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is to arrive Sunday for a two-day solidarity visit. Giuliani spoke with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday and expressed his condolences and solidarity with the city of Jerusalem. During his visit, he is to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, President Ezer Weizman and Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu.

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Jordan seizes warplane spare parts for Iraq

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JORDAN said yesterday it had seized spare parts for fighter planes bound for Iraq from Poland in violation of UN sanctions. Concealed as "agricultural equipment" the shipment, imported by a private company, was seized at Jordan's international airport, an official said.

"The authorities seized a banned shipment of spare parts and equipment for military aircraft, imported for Iraq from Poland via Queen Alia International Airport by al-Etman company, under the cover of agricultural equipment," he said.

He gave no value for the haul. Poland, responding to reports of the seizure denied it had authorized any sales of arms to Iraq.

Foreign Trade Ministry spokesman Zbigniew Ostrowski said in Warsaw the ministry had not issued any mandatory permits for exports of such parts to Iraq.

It was the third interception by Jordan of contraband goods destined for Iraq in the past three months, including large consignments of toxic chemicals and a machine for making missile parts.

The spokesman expressed anger over continued Iraqi attempts to use Jordan, which is fully implementing all UN resolutions and is exerting all efforts to help the Iraqi people, to bypass the results of the sanctions in the areas of food, medical supplies and other humanitarian needs.

The Pentagon yesterday said it is dispatching 34 Air Force

fighters and tanker aircraft to Jordan to fill an anticipated gap in American air power in the Middle East.

The 12 Air Force F-15s, 18 F-16s and four tankers will help enforce a "no fly" zone over southern Iraq - a mission normally done by carrier-based US Navy jets. But since there will be no carrier in the Gulf area from about mid-April to late June or early July, the Air Force fighters will be needed, Pentagon officials said.

The Pentagon deployed F-16s to Bahrain last fall during the most recent carrier gap in the Gulf. Those planes returned to

the United States when the USS Nimitz arrived in the Gulf in January; the Nimitz is due to leave next month and its replacement, the USS Carl Vinson, is not due there until June or July.

The officials, who discussed the plan on condition they not be identified, said that in addition to filling the gap in the gulf, the F-15 and F-16 fighters in Jordan are meant to demonstrate US support for the kingdom's peace efforts.

The announcement was linked to the arrival in Washington of King Hussein.

In their White House meeting yesterday, Hussein and President Clinton were expected to discuss the administration's proposed transfer of 16 US Air Force F-16s

to Jordan, a \$200 million deal that many in Congress strongly oppose. Those F-16s are separate from the 34 US aircraft doing temporary duty there.

Walter Stocumbe, the under-secretary of defense, told a House Appropriations subcommittee that the \$200 million transfer of F-16s would further demonstrate US backing for nations like Jordan that have taken sides to further Middle East peace and stood against Saddam Hussein.

Stocumbe said Jordan has taken steps recently, including capturing parts for weapons of mass destruction and curtailing the flow of illegal goods to Iraq, that have "increased Iraq's incentives to exact retribution from Jordan."

Serb exodus goes on amid arson, intimidation

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Serbs loaded trucks with their belongings yesterday and moved out of the next suburb due to be handed to Moslem-Croat rule, smoke drifting overhead as some trucked what little they left behind.

International officials spoke of intimidation and arson in another area as Serbs forced all their ethnic kin to leave with them.

Thousands of Serbs have already left the western suburb of Ilidza, straddling the city's airport, where Moslem-Croat police are scheduled to move in day.

International police, unarmed observers monitoring the transfer, said only some 350 people planning to remain had registered with

the UN police.

A Serb teenager said her family spent an uncomfortable night when a flat in her building was torched.

"My neighbor has an anti-tank mine in the basement. At one point the fire was very close, very dangerous. How can they do that with people still living in the building?"

The last district to be transferred will be Grbavica, where federation police will take over on March 19.

With most basic services shut down and Serb authorities fleeing the suburbs, workers from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) were delivering bread to Grbavica and trying to keep a hospital near Ilidza open.

International police have arrived too late and in too few numbers to reassure the Serbs, who were subjected to an intense media campaign from their hardline leadership encouraging them to leave, one diplomat said.

"We're very worried about the remaining people in Grbavica. Virtually every night there's a fire in a building," said Kris Janowski of the UNHCR.

"There are a lot of old people in isolated homes in apartment blocks, often barricaded in. Some have had visits from thugs who told them they should leave or be smoked out, or beaten up."

"The atmosphere is getting more and more tense."

Bank bomb claims Bahrain's first terrorist fatality

MANAMA (AP) - A man killed in this year's first fatal bomb blast is a suspected terrorist who perished when explosives he was carrying blew up prematurely, a government official said yesterday.

Two people wounded in the overnight blast were suspected accomplices, said the official.

The overnight explosion went off as the trio tried to rig a cash machine outside a bank in Isa Town, a residential suburb just south of Manama, he said.

The official would give no other information on the victims, believed to be Shiite dissidents.

He said the wounded were under guard at a hospital. One of them was in critical condition.

The Interior Ministry reported the blast in a statement earlier yesterday but gave no details.

The explosion came hours after opposition groups called for two days of "intensified" protests yesterday and today against the government.

A statement issued by the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain yesterday morning denounced a recent government sweep which netted hundreds of suspects as "a reign of terror."

Clinton defends bill to impose sanctions on Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton dismissed world criticism Wednesday of sanctions legislation aimed at Cuba, repeating his intention to sign it, while Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole called for US prosecution of Cubans responsible for shooting down two US small planes.

Asked about objections raised by US allies against the tough measure that passed Congress Tuesday, Clinton said, "I believe that the bill as now written permits compliance with international law and that is why I said that I would support and sign it."

Clinton, at a brief appearance for photos during a White House meeting with Jordan's King Hussein, did not respond to a question about whether the bill violates the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement.

US allies, including fellow NAFTA members Mexico and Canada, wasted little time in attacking the tough new Cuba sanctions bill that awaits Clinton's signature.

The president, who originally opposed the Cuba Liberty Act, has backed it since Cuba shot down the two planes piloted by Cuban exiles off the Cuban coast last month. The bill scored an easy 336-86 victory in the House of Representatives Wednesday, a day after sailing through the Senate, 74-22.

Dole, campaigning for president in Miami's Little Havana section, said yesterday that Clinton should order the Justice Department to seek indictments against anyone in the Cuban government responsible for the attack on the planes and put them on trial in the United States.

Cuba defended its shootdown of the civilian aircraft as a patriotic action, telling the General Assembly that the US-based exile group flying the planes planned raids against the Communist state.

Cuban Foreign Minister Roberto Robaina told the 185-member General Assembly that the Miami-based Brothers to the Rescue made plans to dynamite power lines in Havana, sabotage the Cienfuegos oil refinery and carry out attacks on Cuban leaders.

WORLD BRIEFS

'Diana demands £30m. divorce settlement'
LONDON (AP) - Princess Diana is demanding a £30 million (NIS 136.8 million) divorce settlement, twice the amount Buckingham Palace was planning to offer her, the Sun reported yesterday.

The daily said the princess rejected an offer for a one-time, clean-break payment of £15 million (NIS 68.4 million), telling friends: "The price of a deal with me is a lot higher." The Sun did not identify the friends.

Diana already gets £900,000 (NIS 4 million) a year as part of a separation deal negotiated more than three years ago.

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TALLAHASSEE (AP) - F. Lee Bailey couldn't keep his most important client out of prison.

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The famed lawyer who helped free O.J. Simpson was hauled away in handcuffs and leg irons to begin serving a six-month sentence for failing to produce \$25 million in stock from a drug dealer-client.

The grim-faced former Marine bolted from a car in front of the federal courthouse yesterday.

Bailey clenched his jaw, spread his arms and bowled over a photographer, two TV cameramen and two reporters as he pushed his way through the crowd to the courthouse. He ignored questions.

Scientists clone sheep en masse
NEW YORK (AP) - In a feat never before accomplished in mammals, scientists have found a way to turn a laboratory dish full of cells into hundreds of genetically identical sheep.

Scottish scientists took cells from an embryo, grew thousands of copies in the lab and used them to produce sheep from ewes.

Experts said if the technique can be perfected, it will be a major gain in the ability to make genetic changes in livestock for research and to quickly produce animals that give more or better milk or meat, resist diseases or display other desirable traits.

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IDF intelligence and the GSS are blaming each other for failures to stop Hamas' rockets

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Spy vs. spy: Intelligence community in crisis

IDF intelligence and the GSS are blaming each other for failures to stop Hamas, reports Steve Rodan

NEARLY two weeks ago, hours before the Sunday morning rush of tens of thousands of Palestinian laborers to their jobs in Israel, the General Security Services received a tip from what it regarded as a reliable source: A woman terrorist would be leaving Gaza carrying a huge explosive and blowing herself up in a bus full of Israelis.

GSS chief Ami Ayalon relayed the information to Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres via his military secretary, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom. Ayalon recommended that the closure of the territories, lifted the previous day, be reimposed.

Peres asked Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak to look into the tip. The military chief took the information for assessment by the IDF intelligence's research division. Its conclusion was that the GSS alert was too vague to warrant a closure. Shahak said he opposed reinstating the closure; Peres agreed.

Hours later, Palestinians loaded with explosives blew themselves up in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, killing 25 people. GSS officials were fuming over the IDF veto of the closure. IDF commanders said the GSS information proved wrong.

It was the first salvo of a turf war over intelligence gathering and assessment in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The argument reflected a new reality in Israel's intelligence community: The GSS has lost much of its ability to monitor events in the territories and needs help fast.

"This period is creating enmity between organizations," says Brig.-Gen. (res.) Ephraim Lapid, a former IDF spokesman who served for years in IDF intelligence.

The result is that IDF intelligence is playing a larger role in the territories than the GSS, which only two years ago claimed them as its sole domain. About eight months ago, the IDF and GSS agreed that military intelligence would serve a support role in Judea, Samaria and Gaza - with overall responsibility for counterterrorism and intelligence gathering remaining with the domestic security service. It would be the reverse of the relationship in south Lebanon, where the GSS is subordinate to the intelligence branch.

TODAY, IDF intelligence wants a role that equals that of the GSS. "We did agree informally that the GSS would be the lead organization, but things have changed since then," a senior IDF source says. "We believe that we have lots to contribute."

Senior security sources say the GSS is under great pressure these days to combat the wave of terror. Formally, they say, Peres has given Ayalon, appointed head of a new command on counterterrorism, the authority to order operations anywhere in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

But Ayalon must convince Peres that the GSS has information on the exact whereabouts of terrorist leaders. A large-scale raid - in which the GSS, backed by IDF units, would search for hours for suspects in Palestinian cities and might end up confronting PA security forces - has been ruled out.



"If we go through Area A [territories fully controlled by the PA], then Arafat is finished," a senior IDF officer says. "There would be an intifada against him and us, but this time with tens of thousands of armed fighters."

The tension between the IDF and GSS first arose during the search for Yihye Ayyash, the Izzadin Kassam bomb maker responsible for terrorist attacks

Gaza on January 5 by a bomb planted in a cellular phone. The operation has been credited to the GSS.

SENIOR IDF officers say the GSS has not sufficiently adapted to the situation of Palestinian semi-sovereignty in the territories. The organization didn't change its basic methods of intelligence-gathering and recruiting.

limit the activities of the Palestinian Preventive Security Apparatus, headed by Col. Jibril Rajoub.

Second, GSS officials believed that the Palestinians' achievements would create a strong lobby for cooperation with Israel. Some of the officials envisioned that enmity toward the Islamic opposition would prompt even young idealistic Palestinians to offer their services to the GSS and foil terrorist plans to wreck the peace process.

SO FAR, none of these visions has materialized. Senior security sources say Rajoub and other PA officials have made their first priority the capture of Palestinian collaborators. Some of them have been arrested and punished. Others have been recruited as double agents. They feed the PA the names of other collaborators and try to recruit them. They also relay GSS methods and messages they receive from Israeli intelligence.

Riyad Faiz Jabber and Haled Abd al-Latif Freij are two examples of how the PA has turned Israeli collaborators against the GSS. Jabber and Freij are former collaborators from Tulkarm who were given Israeli identity cards and resettled in the Nctanya area.

Several months ago, according to an indictment submitted in Tel Aviv District Court, Freij and Jabber met with Palestinian security officials and offered to become double agents. The two suspects allegedly offered to recruit for the PA Palestinians they named as suspected collaborators and whose new addresses in Israel they supplied.

GSS sources counter that the IDF has not responded to the escalation in terrorism. Their main criticism is directed against Shahak, saying he did not press

The sources dismiss the current IDF offensive against Hamas. They say the arrests of hundreds of suspected activists in Area B, the region under Israeli military and Palestinian civilian control, as well as the sealing of homes might appear impressive on television, but the operations have no effect on the leaders and planners of Islamic terrorism.

With the exception of several

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that killed 67 Israelis. Military officers, particularly the head of IDF Central Command, were angered that the GSS could provide few leads on the whereabouts of Ayyash despite the massive support in army manpower.

"There is a new situation where we have been missing real-time intelligence," a senior intelligence source says. "If anything, this requires new thinking."

Much of the anger has been directed at the GSS's new Jerusalem regional chief, appointed in the wake of resignations of more than a dozen senior GSS officials, who is regarded as too inexperienced to fight the wave of Islamic terrorism. In the end, Ayyash was assassinated in

"They're still fighting terrorism the same way they did in the 1950s," says Brig.-Gen. (res.) David Agmon, who served as the IDF adviser on the Palestinian uprising until 1992. "It is not built to go inside enemy territory."

Indeed, senior security sources say that many in the GSS actually hoped their job would be easier with the territories under Palestinian self-rule. They, particularly former GSS chiefs Ya'acov Perry and Karmi Gillon, envisioned several developments.

One would have been close cooperation in security and intelligence-gathering with the Palestinian Authority. For nearly two years, the GSS opposed the demands of the IDF and police to

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for the delay of the IDF withdrawal from the Palestinian cities in Judea and Samaria last year despite being warned that some had large concentrations of Islamic terrorists.

GSS sources pointed to Ramallah, which they say has become the frontline of Hamas terrorism. Suicide bombings, including three of the last four, and other kinds of attacks are planned and launched from Ramallah, a five-minute drive from Jerusalem.

low-level operatives, most Hamas terrorist leaders are still enjoying their freedom in the PA territories.

"It's simply a good show being given by IDF officers, especially [OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan] Biran," one source says.

DESPITE THE decline in intelligence gathering, senior security officials insist that the GSS remains effective against terrorists. "I would estimate that every week at least two terrorist attacks

are foiled," a security source says. "The problem is the successes pale against the failure to stop suicide bombings."

GSS sources say they can't imagine a situation in which equal responsibility for intelligence in the territories would be given to the IDF. They point out that military intelligence methods differ widely from those of the GSS.

IDF intelligence's chief role is to focus on troop movements or anything that would prompt an alert about a military attack on Israel. The GSS is a law-enforcement agency focusing on counterintelligence as well as terrorist threats from the territories and within Israel.

In the middle of the dispute is Peres. Senior security sources say that unlike the late Yitzhak Rabin, the new prime minister does not yet have the authority to define responsibilities. They say Peres has correct but cool relations with the chief of the Mossad, whose name is still banned from publication.

As foreign minister, the sources say, Peres succeeded in reducing the Mossad's authority in several Arab and Islamic countries, including Jordan. Today, the Foreign Ministry is responsible for intelligence priorities there.

"Peres does not have a chemistry with the intelligence community," a security source says.

Peres's relations with IDF intelligence are said to be not much better. This is highlighted by Peres's attitude toward Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, the head of IDF military intelligence's assessment division, regarded as the most influential member of the corps.

Several weeks ago, in front of the full cabinet, Amidror disputed Peres's assertion that hotels are more strategic for Israel than military outposts. Amidror's boss, Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, is new in his position as head of military intelligence and does not have previous experience in the field.

INTELLIGENCE SOURCES say Peres's decision last month to relay the GSS alert on terrorism for IDF assessment was an indication of his inexperience.

"It was a decision made on the run," a senior intelligence source says. Security sources say they believe that Peres will not change the GSS's dominant role in the territories. His appointment of Ayalon as head of the counterterrorism command surprised some in the IDF who expected that the job would go to Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai.

But the IDF will become more influential in monitoring the territories. Quietly, IDF intelligence officers say they have changed their view of Palestinian terrorism. For years, they regarded it as having no effect on the military balance with the Arabs despite the toll exacted from Israeli civilians.

Over the past few months they have started viewing Palestinian terrorism as a strategic threat to Israel and an option preserved by Arafat to press for more concessions. Their concern is that Islamic opponents of the peace process will prompt Israel into military action in the PA areas. The result might be an armed conflict with up to 50,000 armed fighters, most of them serving in the Palestinian police, a battle into which Arab countries might be drawn.

"Our assessment is that there will not be war with the Arabs," a senior intelligence source says. "But the wars of 1956 and even 1967 were caused by mistakes [made by the Arabs] we didn't forecast."

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מקראות תורה

Defiant passengers wage war by riding the #18

DAVID ISAACSON

It's 6:30 on the morning after the second suicide bomb attack to hit Jerusalem's 18 bus line in successive weeks. Pinhas, a tall, haredi figure, is waiting at the bus stop at the north end of Rehov Emek Refaim. He is flanked by two soldiers. But if he feels safe, it is not due to the IDF's watchful presence.

"Why am I not scared? Because I believe [in God]" the 43-year-old says calmly.

The bus pulls up and Matok, the driver, exchanges cheerful greetings with the soldiers.

As he drives off, Matok sounds less afraid than upset. "It hurts me, what's happening," the 53-year-old father of three says, more in reference to the wave of suicide bombings that have plagued the country in the past few years than to the two recent attacks on his route. "There is no security in this state."

There are a handful of passengers — "only slightly fewer than is usual at this time" — and all are sitting alone. The mood is somber and introspective. The driver's radio is switched off. Nobody is reading, few look pointedly through the window, at least until the bus reaches the Shlomo Zion Hamalka junction — site of the previous day's atrocity. But the atmosphere on the bus is quietly defiant.

A journalist who asks not to be named typifies the passengers' refusal to be cowed. "I'm not scared," she says in a French accent, "because it's my country and I want to live in freedom. If we were scared, [the terrorists] would win."

This steadfastness is shared by student Shmuel: "Yesterday evening I was afraid, and this morning I thought I would take a taxi. But I didn't want to control my fear. I knew that if I didn't take the bus today, I never would, and that is what [the terrorists] want. This way we are fighting."

But there are also those who lost loved ones the previous day, or the previous week. When Liat, a soldier of "eighteen-and-a-half," speaks, her eyes fill with tears. She has the delicate features and



A few glum faces and many empty seats fill this No. 18 bus.

nervous smile of a child. Her voice is soft, and sad: "Yesterday the funeral of a friend broke my heart. And last week I had two friends on the bus [that was attacked]. I feel that my friends are disappearing before my eyes."

At the bus stop opposite the Central Bus Station, 22-year-old Nathalie is waiting for the 18 bus to take her to the garage where she works in Talpiot. "I

was one bus late yesterday," she says, implying that, had she been on time, she would have been among the victims. "And I saw what happened to the poor people last week," she adds.

Nathalie advises passengers to be careful: "See who's getting on the bus and tell the driver if you see someone suspicious."

The driver of the 7 a.m. bus to the Katamonim, 24-year-old Motti, is "very tense." While acknowledging that the protection of the soldiers at bus stops and the searches made by soldiers and policemen on the buses "will help," he says it is not a good long-term solution. "All the soldiers on the streets makes us seem like a city at war. It's like Vietnam, or a police state, like Cuba," he says. Motti suggests that Hamas is deliberately targeting the 18 bus, because its route — from Jerusalem's southern suburbs, through the city and back to Kiryat Hayovel in the southwest — is so extensive. "The terrorists are watching, looking for ways to cause the most damage," he says. "They know which routes are the busiest. But they won't break us. I will drive this bus line anytime — today, tomorrow or whenever."

Meanwhile, a couple of elderly men in kippot debate the political option. "If [Ariel] Sharon was prime minister and [Isomet leader Rafael] Rafil [Eitan] was defense minister, then we'd have a solution," says one.

"Give [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres a chance!" intercedes a younger passenger. "He can't do anything in a week. Don't you want the peace process to continue?"

ON A later bus, Motti's courage and resolution are echoed by fellow-driver Menahem. Steering through the narrow, winding part of Jaffa Road near Mahaneh Yehuda market, Menahem repeatedly quotes the title of the Yehoram Gaon song "Lo menatzhim ot" — I won't be beaten.

His voice is full of pride and commitment. "The people of Israel have strength," he says. "And we drivers will continue to drive our passengers, not just because it's our work but because we love them."

"My bus is my friend," says the 36-year-old, who has worked for Egged for 14 years. "And my passengers are like family. If they wanted it, I would drive them to Hebron, or even Lebanon."

For children, it's not so easy to put on a brave face.

Fear is evident in 12-year-old Yael's every glance and gesture. Standing by the exit door on a journey to a friend's house she says, "I look at everyone. And I stand here so that if I see someone suspicious I can quickly jump off the bus [at the next stop]."

As for her parents, "they said that if I have to take the bus, I must; there is always a danger somewhere."

The military presence at bus stops and on the buses does little to make Yael feel safe. "What can they do?" she asks forlornly.

In a society of huge sectarian divisions, 16-year-old yeshiva student Dani could be speaking for Israel as a whole when he says: "I trust in God, that he will save us. Yet still I'm afraid."

are the central ones, as demonstrated by the recent bombings and the No. 5 [bus attack] on Dizengoff Street [in 1994]."

NADAV YAGIL, 25, was driving his No. 6 bus into downtown Jerusalem when he recalled a folk tale about the Wise Men of Chelm.

"They built a bridge and forgot to put a guardrail on it. People just fell off and they got hurt or died," says the driver, a crocheted kippa on his closely shorn black hair. "So they said, 'Nu, what should we do?' They had a meeting for several hours and what did they decide? They would build a hospital beneath the bridge and everyone who got hurt would go straight there and get first aid right away."

"That's what's happening in this country," Yagil continued. "Instead of figuring out a solution, they brought in all the army, and now Jerusalem looks like an army base. How long can they do this with the soldiers? A week, two weeks, a month? It doesn't matter anyway. The minute a bomber gets to Jerusalem, the whole matter is finished. There it begins and there it ends."

Yagil became a bus driver two years ago after finishing his tour of army duty as a medic. He has two brothers who are bus drivers, one of whom drives the No. 18 line.

"I'm angry right now, and you can never get used to this situation, really," Yagil says. "On my line, it's always crowded. There are lots of religious people who ride the line, and they don't take cabs. They take this bus at all hours."

"I'm a regular guy, a lifelong resident of Jerusalem. My family came here from Yemen; we've been here two generations. We want peace. I want to get up in the morning and go to my job and know that my brothers are going to their buses, and we're all safe."

Losing, then winning, the war against fear

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

JUST hours after the bus bombing on Sunday, I had to go to the office to, of all things, work on the planned Jerusalem Post Purim pages, which I had been struggling to organize the past week despite the previous Sunday's tragedy.

As I left the house, my wife offered to drive me, but I refused, saying I'd take a taxi.

Walking to the bus stop, I was determined to take that taxi, despite feeling somehow like I had surrendered something that was mine — my peace of mind and confidence in a mode of transportation that until two weeks ago I never thought twice about.

No taxis stopped, however, and when the familiar red-and-white bus pulled up, I summoned up some courage and got on, despite feeling very uncomfortable. I looked carefully at all the passengers, eyeing them much more suspiciously than ever before.

I found it impossible to fall back into the habit of enjoying quiet reading time, and when the bus slowed to a crawl, I felt the tension building.

When would this damn bus start moving again? The radio played reports from the scene of the explosion, making me even more uncomfortable. I decided I'd skip the ride through town; I'd get off early — I had to get off early. It was irrational, but at Bar-Ilan Street, I got off, and felt much better.

But no cabs stopped on Bar-Ilan, either, and the rain was too heavy to walk up the hill to the office. I was going to have to take another bus. Resigned to that fact, I waited for the No. 48 and got on, fully expecting to take it to the stop just a block from the office.

But as the reports of other possible bombs filtered over the radio, I just couldn't do it. Stuck again in a "hige" traffic jam, I needed to get off, and given the first chance, despite the tangerine walk, I got out, feeling tremendously relieved, but also angry at myself and not a little embarrassed.

I had let them get to me. Going home, the same feeling prevailed, but I felt I owed it to my family to take the greatest precautions, and ended up walking back down Bar-Ilan rather than riding the No. 36 bus through town.

The next day I was determined to get on the bus completely in accordance with past routine. I would put Sunday's tragedy completely out of my mind. I would play a psychological game with myself and read my newspaper down to the stock tables, if necessary, just to keep my mind off things.

All this worked, up to a point, until I caught myself wondering to what fate the bus might be taking me as it pulled its way up Yehezkel Street. I felt powerless, but determined to tough it out. I made it all the way through town, although I found it impossible not to stare at the fat man with the large bag who got on midway through the trip. The security guard who boarded eased my fear, although he never asked me to open my backpack.

I passed the scene of the previous week's bombing and watched a young soldier say psalms for the dead. I was going to make it.

Alighting at the central bus station minutes later, I felt as though I'd won a round in my personal war with Hamas. I had, at least this time, won a battle against fear.

AT the squat Egged depot building on Rehov Patai in Jerusalem's Gonenim neighborhood, drivers are talking about the suicide bombings on their colleagues' buses. It's not the first time they've dealt with these fears, and for most, the attitude is life must go on.

It's Monday afternoon, 36 hours after the second bus bombing, and drivers are standing around in the sunny parking area, chatting with one another and waiting to pull their trademark red-and-white buses out of the gravel lot. Among them is Nachon Shimshon, from Ma'aleh Adumim, a quiet man with graying curly hair and red-rimmed eyes. He's been driving the No. 22 bus for 22 years and hopes to be a driver for a long time to come.

"If we show we're scared, we give Hamas the satisfaction," Shimshon says. "We also don't have a choice, everyone has to go to work. The passengers are suspicious, there's no doubt about it. They don't want to go on the bus."

He says the government's decision to place soldiers at the bus stops could work in the first few days, but questions its effectiveness once a suicide bomber is waiting at a stop; bombers must be stopped before they get that far.

Avi Kefetz agrees with Shimshon. After 27 years driving the No. 18 bus, the ponytailed Kefetz says he is hoping Peres's plan works. "Yesterday I had an almost empty bus. Passengers were scared. But I do believe that the situation will return to normal, and people will be traveling on the buses again."

The bus depot is a comfortable if spartan building for the drivers who pass through during the day. They can watch television, read newspapers or play a quick game of table tennis if the urge hits them. These days, however, most sit quietly, waiting for their next run, leather satchels, holding change dispensers and tickets, by their side.

"It would be wrong and misleading to say that it's business as usual," Egged public relations manager Uri Ashkenazi says. "However, we recognize that we have a service to provide and even during these difficult days, we are determined to do our job."

In the wake of bus bombings in

Bus drivers: Our nerves are raw



Egged's finest chew the fat in the driver's dining room.

JESSICA STEINBERG

the past few years, Egged has established a security team that checks buses and bus stops daily. "However, suicide bombers are a source of terror that are difficult to handle and intercept," says Ashkenazi, who is also a bus driver.

EACH DRIVER reacts differently after a colleague's bus has been attacked, and Egged provides individualized emotional help. The cooperative has a physician and a psychologist on call in the Jerusalem area who work closely with drivers. Ashkenazi explains that some drivers want to get right back on the road after news of an attack, while others need time to adjust.

people have always used and will continue to use the buses."

Ovadia, another driver, nods his head vigorously at Levy's words. He's lived in the Katamonim for 40 years and has driven the No. 18 for 19 years. "I leave all the political matters for the government to deal with," he says. "As for me, I look out for my passengers and that's what I can do. I talk with all my passengers, we discuss what's happening and I try to answer their questions."

Ashkenazi points out that some lines are more nerve-racking than others, for example buses that go into eastern Jerusalem: "Lots of Arab laborers get on, and the drivers are extra vigilant and worried. But statistically speaking, there's no justification for their fears. The preferred lines for terrorist attacks

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A Mexican 'Bohemia'

DAY ONE: Browse bristling cacti. Assess crashing Pacific. Big dinner. Not much happens.

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DAY FOUR: Departure. Despair.

Todos Santos ("All Saints"), a small miracle of peace, quiet and creeping bohemianism, lies about 80 kilometers north of Cabo San Lucas, at the tip of Mexico's Gulf of California. It is a town of mostly unpaved streets, of thatched roofs and sleeping dogs, and crumbling adobe walls and ruined old sugar mills, with farms set among the cactus and palms on its outskirts.

It is sustained by the farming and fishing of several thousand Mexicans, the crumpled dollars of wayward surfers, and the artsy aspirations of a few dozen international emigres. Though a sign outside town puts the population at 3,400, local estimates run from 5,000 to 8,000.

Visitors lie low, eat under palapa roofs, sleep cheap, ponder epic desert, possibly attempt watercolors. They probably don't go sport-fishing (there's no marina) or bell-raising (there's one pool hall and no nightclubs, though a sports bar is rumored to be coming). They may not even lounge by the pool: only a couple of lodgings have them.



A street corner, with requisite cafe, in increasingly gentrified Todos Santos.

There is one traffic signal in Todos Santos, and one gas station. Once Mexico Highway 19 takes you out of town, unfenced cows are prone to wander across the two blacktop lanes. The nearest beach is about five kilometers from downtown, and the coastal waters can be perilously rough.

The town hangs in a dangerously delicate state of mid-transformation: near enough to the international tourist path that its most popular restaurant has an all-Italian menu, yet far enough away that I couldn't find one Todos Santos hotel room that fetched more than \$65 a night or featured air-conditioning.

inclined expats show up.

On Calle Topete stands one of the most recent and celebrated additions to the local boho scene, the Galeria de Todos Santos. In the front rooms of a high-ceilinged old brick building, gallery director Michael Cope last April began displaying his own work along with pieces by several accomplished Mexican and American artists.

Meanwhile, Cope and his wife, former Angelinos, are building a spacious home on "the other side," a breezy residential area on the western end of town that has become popular with Americans.

They aren't alone. Stealthily, Americans are buying land and building homes for vacation, retirement and exile, and more outsiders are surely coming soon. Though local tourism officials say the government has no major projects in the works, rumors of big-money plans are heard among the regulars in the Caffe Todos Santos.

Soon, it seems likely, Todos Santos will be a place with more restaurants, fewer idle old buildings downtown, and higher prices. Sooner or later, a big hotel is

likely to rise near the town's most popular stretch of shoreline known as Playa San Pedro, or Palm Beach.

Right now, however, the beach lies unmarked at the end of a two-kilometer-long dirt road that branches off from the highway about 5 km. south of town. The only structure in sight is a ruined old ranch building, moldering among the palms and cactus.

The tourist season in Todos

September. (Map-browsers, take note: The town of Todos Santos is sometimes confused with Isla de Todos Santos, a better-known surf spot about 1,300 km north in the Bay of Todos Santos off Ensenada.)

On Calle Juarez near Degollado, you see the ruins of an old sugar-cane mill. Near Calle Marquez de Leon, there's a two-story Hotel California, which dates to 1928, and stands as the

most prominent lodging in town, with 15 rooms, wood floors, ceiling fans, pool, restaurant and, lest anyone start living too highly, an 11 p.m. guest curfew.

Farther along Juarez, at Calle Hidalgo, there's El Tecolote Bookstore, where proprietor Jane Perkins stocks a broad selection of English-language local guidebooks and volumes on Mexican geography and culture.

Parallel to Juarez and one block northwest, there's Calle Centenario and the town plaza. Around the plaza stand a church, the city hall and the splendidly restored 1944 Teatro Manuel Marquez de Leon, which once housed productions from itinerant theater troupes. (It's now rarely used.) Facing the theater is the restaurant that many credit for leading the town on its Bohemian renaissance, the Caffe Santa Fe.

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The sleepy artists colony of Todos Santos is on the verge of being 'discovered'

Santos begins in October (the town's biggest party of the year is the October 12 celebration of its patron saint, the Virgin of Pilar, and peaks in December, January (when there's an arts-and-crafts show) and February.)

Many businesses curtail their hours or close altogether during the hot, humid, mosquito-marred and occasionally hurricane-threatening months of July, August and

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Anxious about air travel? Turn to airline courses

As other passengers filed aboard USAir Flight 5001, Dorrie Laufman sat midway back in the coach section glancing apprehensively out the window.

Once again, her fears were building up. Her hands were tingling and her mind was racing with doubts.

What's so special about a plane taking off? On average, 19,800 passenger planes do it every day in the US alone, carrying more than 1.3 million passengers on hundreds of routes which mostly criss-cross America.

For an estimated 31 million Americans, however, the very thought of boarding one of those aircraft strikes emotions somewhere between dread and sheer terror, and Dorrie Laufman was one of them.

When USAir 5001 returned to Baltimore-Washington International Airport an hour later that March evening, it was the first time in nine years that the Annapolis, Maryland, businesswoman had landed without its being cause for great anxiety.

For Laufman, it all had begun with a flight when she was pregnant with her first child.

"Without realizing it, a little anxiety began to build. I didn't even think about it, but I got a bit more anxious each time," Laufman said. Soon she began to drink before and during flights. And when that didn't help any more, she tried prescription drugs. And when that didn't work, she realized she needed help.

For John Byrd, Flight 5001 was the first time the 67-year-old retired lithographer had been aloft in 47 years.

"I wanted to ease back into it, to see what it is like," the former tail gunner in a World War II torpedo plane said. "It has changed so much. I had never flown in a jet before. I just got tired of driving 12 to 15 hours everywhere."

Flight 5001 was no ordinary flight. For 27 of the passengers aboard, it was a trial, a challenge, a personal mountain to be climbed against the most daunting of odds. Each of those 27 was afraid to fly, and USAir, through its Fearful Flyers Seminar, was trying to help them overcome their anxieties.

For some, the fears began on a turbulent flight with lightning

USAir's Fearful Flyers Seminar helps distraught passengers overcome their anxieties, Richard Weintraub reports

streaking through the sky, or when a companion's fears suddenly became their own, or with the arrival of children, or for no understandable reason at all.

But whatever the reason, a profound fear of flying came to dominate their lives, and each found his or her way to Carol Stauffer and Gary Arlington's Fearful Flyers Seminar to try to shake whatever had been making air travel traumatic, or even impossible.

Stauffer, a psychologist, is joined in this effort by a USAir pilot, currently Arlington, who flies DC-9s out of Pittsburgh for the airline.

For five weeks (and \$325), Stauffer and Arlington reassure, answer questions and slowly guide their charges into the world of flight without fear.

Twice before the final "graduation" flight the group will go aboard an aircraft, sitting and chatting, visiting the cockpit or walking around outside looking at the engines and flaps, kicking the tires.

For the first of these sessions, the door of the plane remains open, reassuring the person who is claustrophobic or, more commonly, the person who can't bear losing control. These are the two most common problems Stauffer and Arlington encounter, followed by fear of heights or of crashing and dying.

"It's the most common fear related to flying: giving up control to someone you don't know," Stauffer says. "You get on a plane, and you can't say, 'Pull over, I want to get off!'"

Stauffer believes the key to the 97 percent success rate for the seminar (as measured by the number of participants who take the graduation flight) is regular use of the relaxation tape each participant receives at the first class.

It is a standard behavior-modification technique used to help relieve anxiety. Stauffer combines it with another technique -

"thought-stopping" - that gives course participants tools for replacing anxiety-inducing thoughts with more reassuring ones.

As Stauffer deals directly with emotions, Arlington deals with airplanes, the people who fly and maintain them and the principles of flight.

"Fearful fliers don't dwell on statistics a lot," Arlington told the class on its second meeting, but "USAir operates 5,000 flights a day, one million a year. Industry-wide, there were more than seven million flights a year."

"If you wanted to be in an airplane accident, playing the odds, you would have to fly every day for 29,000 years," he told the class.

It's the kind of "thought-stopping" fact that Stauffer wants class participants to remember to counter the anxiety-producing thoughts that run through the

Help with fear of flying

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USAir also offers a book based on the program called *Fly Without Fear*. Details: Box 100, Glenshaw, PA 15116.

American Airlines' Air Born program costs \$445.

The Fearful Flyers Resource Guide, by Barry Elkus and Murray Tieger, is sold for \$13.95 by Argonaut Entertainment, 455 Delta Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

How to Fly - Relaxed and Happy From Takeoff to Touchdown, by Natalie Windsor (Corkscrew Press), is sold for \$5.95.

Pathway Systems (P.O. Box 269, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514-0269), is a self-help program on tape, and costs \$39.

"Therapy" (4500 Campus Dr., Suite 628 F, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660) is a tape program (\$21.95) developed by a behavior therapist.

(Washington Post)

mind of the fearful flier.

After a final round of relaxation exercises with Stauffer, Flight 5001 was off the ground, and the lights of the Baltimore-Washington region spread out below.

Soon noise level inside the plane began to rise as laughter mixed with expressions of relief. There was a steady stream of visitors to the cockpit, something that is permitted on these charter flights that wouldn't be allowed on regular flights.

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David Levy just can't help being David Levy

Binyamin Netanyahu should expect nothing out of character from his new 'ally,' Sarah Honig writes

IN the old fable a scorpion on the river bank hails a frog calmly making its way in the water and asks it to give him a ride to the other side. He explains that he badly needs to get across but he can't swim.

The frog, however, is no fool and points out to the scorpion that he has a deadly reputation and will probably end up stinging his host.

"I would have to be out of my mind to do that when I am on your back away from dry land," the scorpion laughed reassuringly. "If I kill you, I go down with you." It sounded reasonable to the frog, who soon ferried the scorpion as he wished. Yet midway to their destination, the scorpion just could not help himself ... and down sank frog, scorpion and all.

Could the Likud's alignment with David Levy be its own spin on the folk tale - with party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu cast as the hopeful frog and Levy as the scorpion who cannot rise above his nature? Many in the Likud thought so this week after Levy clamored for postponing the elections. No one around Netanyahu saw it as a guileless reaction to the spate of terrorist bombings.

Indeed, it was regarded as an attempt to sting Netanyahu, clearly the one giving the lift. He is taking Levy aboard and letting him have seven safe slots on the Likud slate of Knesset candidates at the expense of the Likud's own contestants.

LEVY'S RECORD in the Likud over decades has been as troublesome as the scorpion's reputation. Not even the legendary Menachem Begin was spared. In 1981, Levy forced Begin to name him deputy prime minister. He rowed with the mild-mannered Moshe Arens, whom he derisively faulted for being a "professor." Finally in 1992, Levy contributed crucially to the Likud's downfall.

This election season, Levy's need to hitch a ride across the proverbial river became acute. A couple of weeks ago Levy supporters had to fork out NIS 30 a head to get into his newborn Geshar party's campaign functions. This little-known fact may at least explain in part why Levy, his bombast and bluster notwithstanding, at all began to consider the unthinkable - shaking Netanyahu's hand, after he wouldn't mention his name for the past three years and only referred to him contemptuously as "that man."

Levy was reduced to collecting entrance fees like a performer at a road show in order to keep his party from bankruptcy. The vast contributions, unlimited enthusiasm and big-name running mates he boasted of never materialized. A few days before Ariel Sharon asked to meet him and start match-making, Levy could not get one PR firm to take his campaign account. He went from one publicist to another, but no one would take a chance on a party whose credit wasn't good and whose prospects were even worse.

Levy's younger brother Maxim insisted that an unidentified poll promised Gesher as many as 24 Knesset seats, but the fact is that all known polls were so bleak that, if they were to be believed, there was a very real possibility that Levy's new political creation would never surmount the Knesset entry threshold.

But then Levy's worst nightmare seemed to be coming to pass: Netanyahu made a comeback in the polls. If he persisted in fighting Netanyahu and the Likud, Levy could conceivably find himself watching Netanyahu win the premiership all on his own, while he retreated humiliated and empty-handed to Beit She'an.

Sharon's call came in the nick of time. Former MK Reuven Rivlin, a Levy sidekick for years, tried to argue this week that "Levy was not teaming up with the Likud merely to cut his losses. Not at all. Levy returned home by the first Jerusalem bus blast. The terrorist offensive suddenly accentuated the distinctions between the Left and Right and Levy could no longer artificially cling to a shrinking center. He knew where he belonged."

Perhaps Levy was indeed gripped with a sudden bout of homesickness, but if he climbed somehow on the Likud bandwagon again, he could later claim a share in a Netanyahu victory, should there be one. If there isn't, no legal formulation could keep Levy from bolting the Likud once more. And he would do so at the head of a faction of at least six or seven MKs.

DESPITE THE blow to his pride inherent in having to give up the anti-Netanyahu vendetta, it's a no-lose proposition for Levy. It became so the moment the Netanyahu candidacy ceased appearing as a lost cause.

ghastly reality for Levy was that Netanyahu had become his political lifeline. If he was to cross the waterway, it would have to be on Netanyahu's back.

Not that Netanyahu was being altruistic. He expected to get something from the hitchhiker too. It was vital for Netanyahu, despite all the talk about resolutely standing up to political extortion, to take a chance on Levy - and pay through the nose for it - just to erase Levy's name from the prime-ministerial ballot. In what could become a photo finish, Netanyahu could not afford to have Levy chipmunking even at marginal support.

That could force a run-off in which Netanyahu would be at a distinct disadvantage. According to accepted political wisdom, the bulk of the hard vote would go to Netanyahu, but the haredim would not flock to the polls in the second round, when their Knesset lists are not in the running. It was the need to have a one-on-one showdown with Shimon Peres in the first round which previously impelled Netanyahu to make a deal with Tsomet's Rafael Eitan as well.

No political observer ever believed that Levy was earnestly after the premiership or that he thought he could win it. He threw his hat in the ring only to spite Netanyahu, spoil things for him and exact sweet revenge for the decisive defeat Netanyahu dealt him in the 1993 Likud leadership primary. Levy's hostility to Netanyahu was already apparent during the Gulf crisis. When Scud's began hitting Israel in January 1991, then foreign minister Levy was incensed by his deputy Netanyahu's telegenic appearances in the world media, and sought to muzzle him by prohibiting Netanyahu from giving any more TV interviews. Later he sulked at home and refused to go to the Madrid peace conference because Netanyahu was not banned from attending.

To allay their own anxieties, many around Netanyahu point to the Rabbinowitz incident. A newspaper published a picture of Netanyahu and a woman, and the next day Netanyahu was in Lebanon. Peres knew how to cover up his resentments. But it is hard now to picture Levy accompanying Netanyahu to campaign rallies, appearing at his side and wholeheartedly endorsing his candidacy.



Peres feud. If those two arch-rivals could coexist, they rationalize, it might be that Levy would eventually reconcile himself to Netanyahu, too. Likud pessimists, however, note that Rabin and Peres were far closer in mentality than are Levy and American-educated Netanyahu.

Levy remained surly and insolent even on the verge of striking an alliance with the Likud.

And no sooner did he begin negotiating the ride on Netanyahu's back than his less-than-amicable intentions were evident. The fact that Levy now crusades for a national unity government and delayed elections, knowing full well these are inimical to Netanyahu's interests, speaks for itself. After the rash of terrorist atrocities, Netanyahu appears stronger than ever. But if the elections

were put off, perhaps Netanyahu's chances against Peres would diminish, perhaps to the extent that Levy may be freed from the need to team up with him. With a weaker Netanyahu, Levy would have greater leverage, and maybe a chance after all to wreak vengeance.

Netanyahu's gamble is enormous. Even after the elections - no matter what their outcome - he can never rest easy and be sure that Levy will not give way to temptation, revert to his all-consuming hatred, and inflict that sting.

For Rabbi Carlebach, unity was worth applauding

SHARING the music and the teachings of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach at an AACI memorial evening dedicated to the Singing Rabbi, hassidic troubadour Yitzhak Miller urged his listeners to applaud, not to signify their appreciation for his talents, but because "Shlomo used to say that when you clap, the left and the right are united."

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American Citizens Abroad has recognized the long service to society of expatriate David Breslau, who has spent more than half his lifetime in volunteer service to AACI. The Jerusalem-based octogenarian who 45 years ago helped found AACI continues to donate his services to the organization. Breslau is currently spearheading a committee lobbying for a bill that will increase benefits for the elderly by providing further reductions

on property tax, public transport and entertainment.

ROYAL NEPALESE Honorary Consul-General Adina Gottesman has been very busy lately organizing a reception in honor of Nepal's National Democracy Day, while simultaneously attending to arrangements for the visit last week by Kedar Bhakta Shreshtha, secretary-general of the Royal Nepalese Foreign Ministry. In

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addition to his meetings with Israeli dignitaries, Shreshtha also took the opportunity to meet with the commanding officer of the UN forces in Lebanon.

WHEN ELECTIONS are in the air, everyone in the race will do

almost anything to capture media attention. Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, while touring Kiryat Ono in the company of Mayor Dror Birnbaum, stopped off at a local barber shop, not for a quick shave and haircut, but to take over the barber's role in executing a short back and sides. Whether he will get the vote of the customer in the barber's chair will presumably remain a mystery.

KIRYAT ONO had another reason for being in the news, thanks to one of its younger residents, Ron Davidson, 25, who last week became the Israel Monopoly champion by winning the finals with a tally of NIS 66,000 and four hotels. Davidson, who is studying for his master's degree in business administration at Tel Aviv University, is now gearing up for the world championship games to

be held in Monte Carlo in September.

POLITICIANS BECOME image conscious when elections are looming, but entertainers have to court the public all the time. Dudu Topaz, eager to ensure that his television ratings remain high, goes for just about every gimmick in the book.

Topaz donned a Domino's Pizza uniform for a recording session, and then decided he wanted to learn how to make pizza. After mastering the technique, he began taking telephone orders. He then decided to move into the fast lane and discover what it was like to be a pizza delivery boy. The recipients could not believe their eyes when they saw who was at the door. Having successfully completed the Domino's training program, Topaz was awarded a certificate

by the company's marketing manager Ari Ben-Dror.

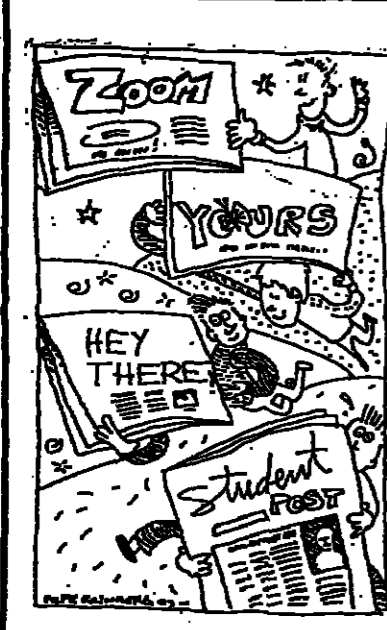
If the ratings drop, Topaz will now have something to fall back on.

SOME OF the leading lights of Israel's business and investment community accepted the invitation of their colleagues Aharon Zeler and Reuven Avlagon to attend an artistic fund-raiser on behalf of Ichilov Hospital.

Artists such as Menashe Kadishman, Dorit Feldman, Motti Mizrahi, Gila Stein and many others donated works which fetched around NIS 150,000. Among the guests were Avi Tomkin, Yossi Shteinman, Danny Doron, Eitan Lustig, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and Odad Ben-Ami, media adviser to the Manufacturers' Association. The funds will go toward the construction of a new wing.

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Other stock market indexes

FTSE 100

FTSE 100	3793.2	-0.7
Nikkei 225	10927.25	-2.14
DAX 100	1954.0	-2.87

Israeli stocks in NY

TECO	32.5	+0.75
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YASR	10.5	+0.25
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	% Change
Bank Leumi	1690.1	-1.2
Bank Hapoalim	196.80	0.0
Bank Mizrah	1821.5	-1.0
Bank Haheretz	477.2	-1.2

Industrials

Name	Price	% Change
Avner	152.00	-1.2
Bank Leumi	1690.1	-1.2
Bank Hapoalim	196.80	0.0
Bank Mizrah	1821.5	-1.0

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	% Change
Bank Leumi	1690.1	-1.2
Bank Hapoalim	196.80	0.0
Bank Mizrah	1821.5	-1.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	% Change
Bank Leumi	1690.1	-1.2
Bank Hapoalim	196.80	0.0
Bank Mizrah	1821.5	-1.0

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	% Change
Bank Leumi	1690.1	-1.2
Bank Hapoalim	196.80	0.0
Bank Mizrah	1821.5	-1.0

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Bank Leumi	1690.1	-1.2
Bank Hapoalim	196.80	0.0
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Shares drop amid selling to raise funds for IDB

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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206.11 -0.26%
215.80 -0.31%

STOCKS fell this week as company earnings reports disappointed investors and a string of suicide bomb attacks raised concern the peace process may be faltering. Yesterdays share indexes fell as investors sold shares to raise funds for investing in Israel Discount Bank, Israel's third largest bank in terms of assets, said analysts.

The government was due to price the sale 14.4% of Discount Bank, designed to raise as much as \$134 million, later yesterday. The sale is the first government sale of a state-owned bank on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in over two years.

"People are selling shares in order to buy Discount," said Aviel Maoz, vice president of Tel Aviv investment firm Central Securities. "The Discount offering is getting a lot of attention."

London stocks close mixed

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Leading share prices closed mixed as uncertainty over the likelihood of a UK base rate cut helped put a lid on any tendency for the market to rise. Bid speculation, focused on the drug and water sectors, gave solid support. The FTSE 100 closed 0.7 points off at 3,758.2. The market awaits the outcome of today's UK monetary meeting between Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and Bank of England governor Eddie George.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended near the day's highs, buoyed by buying in German chemical stocks after a blockbuster Swiss industry merger was announced.

Blue chips close near record highs

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks staged a late rally yesterday to end within striking distance of their record highs as Wall Street braced for today's jobs data for February.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFR	FFr	
STERLING	-	0.4417/0	161.13/16	0.8122/85	3.4228/43
YEN	1.4056/61	-	0.0069/13	-	7.7403/37
SFR	123.04/17	0.5435/42	-	-	0.4219/80
FFr	0.2819/22	0.1260/91	0.2075/80	-	-

Prices from 2:30 local time

PARIS

Alcatel	448.5	+2.8
Assurances	719	+0.5
BNP	495	+0.5
CGP	495	+0.5
Elf	495	+0.5
Erst	495	+0.5
France Telecom	495	+0.5
Gas	495	+0.5
Industrie	495	+0.5
Lyonnaise	495	+0.5
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LEVY

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This gives him more leeway, reducing his need to surrender to Levy's demands.

Levan is seeking a promise that he will get the second most important portfolio, believed to mean defense. Since Levy is not after that same portfolio, the Likud hopes to somehow find a way out that will satisfy both sides.

The final agreement is slated to be brought before the Likud central committee for its approval on Wednesday.

When push came to shove early yesterday morning, the Likud did not give in to Levy's demand for an explicit clause in the agreement which would promise him any portfolio he wants if the Likud wins the elections.

The Likud also successfully resisted Levy's demand that Geshert get two portfolios. The agree-

POLLS

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The poll gives the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher ticket 39%, with 31% to Labor. Last week, it was 34% each.

A Teleset poll for Channel 2 had similar findings. It gives both Peres and Netanyahu 49%. It was 51% for Peres and 46% for Netanyahu last week.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK

Name	Price	% Change
Alcoa	68.75	+0.5
Amgen	112.50	+0.5
Amstar	60.75	+0.5
Amstar	60.75	+0.5
Amstar	60.75	+0.5
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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

London

Name	Price	% Change
Admiral	167.50	-0.5
AEG	45.00	-0.5
AEG	45.00	-0.5
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US commodities

Cocoa (May)	11.74	+0.01
Gold (Mar)	384.4	+0.15
Natural Gas (Mar)	5.58	+0.1

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Spot market metals (US)

Copper	0.254	+0.15
Gold	384.4	+0.15
Natural Gas	5.58	+0.1

New York metal futures

Copper	0.254	+0.15
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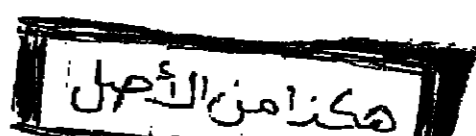
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SHAHAL
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 security measures at crossings and along seam areas, Shahal said Israel would issue six more closure orders for Hamas institutions. He also noted that a police station is scheduled to open on Salah a-Din street in Jerusalem on Sunday. He warned, however, that "no one can promise 100 percent, that no terrorist will get in."
 Uzi Landau (Likud) accused Prime Minister Shimon Peres of "choosing the wrong partner," "being divorced from reality," and ignoring earlier intelligence warnings that the autonomous areas would provide a sanctuary for terrorists.
 [Former British prime minister Neville] Chamberlain also erred when he went to Munich to sign an agreement with Hitler, Landau said.
 Meretz faction chairman Ran Cohen called for strict measures against Hamas terrorists, including imprisonment, but warned that deportations could have a boomerang effect, as happened in 1992.
 Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen warned against casting the blame for the attacks on the all Israeli Arabs, following the discovery that one had smuggled the Dizengoff bomber in from Gaza.

CLINTON
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 reassure the people of Israel that their security is important to the international community itself, McCurry said.
 Peres, meanwhile, urged European Union states to stop "flirting" with Iran, saying it is more dangerous than Hitler because it sought to obtain nuclear weapons.
 "You must really stop flirting with the Iranians," Peres told France 2 television. "Iran is the center of terrorism, fundamentalism, and subversion."
 He said there is no doubt that Iran had armed, trained, financed, and given orders to Hizballah in Lebanon and financed Islamic Jihad and Hamas.
 The foreign ministers of Germany and France arrived here yesterday as a dual sign of solidarity after the attacks and to urge Arafat to curb Hamas terrorism.
 German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, however, rejected the call by Peres to stop Germany's dialogue with Iran.
 "Peres asked us to isolate this country and to stop our policy of dialogue," he told reporters after meeting Peres.
 He said he told Peres there was no evidence so far that Iran was involved in the Hamas suicide bombings.
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